

## WIND ROBS SPERRY IN DARING AIR FLIGHT

Fails to Win Pilot Certificate after Governor's Island Test.

Lawrence B. Sperry, a cousin of Edwin G. Sperry, the Clarksville lawyer, has just done some flying over the water, but has failed to win a pilot certificate after Governor's Island Test.

Sperry doesn't profess to be an exhibition flyer. He is only 21 years old. He has been flying over the harbor almost every day demonstrating the automatic gyroscopic stabilizer invented by his father, Elmer A. Sperry. There are those who have said that Sperry would never be able to control his flying boat if the stabilizer were ever taken away.

At Governor's Island he carried the stabilizer as dead weight and tried the expert pilot certificate tests. He didn't get the certificate, but when he got up into the thirty-five mile gust over the harbor with his stabilizer rolled and rocked and dipped his machine like a small boy's kite, President Hawley remarked that "young Sperry was indeed an expert pilot, but that rules were rules."

So Sperry will try again next week to get a small figure eight within a space marked out on Governor's Island and to ascend to a 2,500-foot altitude, cut his motor and glide to within 100 feet of a given point.

These tests had been scheduled for a certain time and Sperry started against his own better judgment because he did not want to disappoint the area club official observers who had come to Governor's Island. Among them were Corliss Field, Bishop, Howard Huntington, Baron d'Orey, Captain Thomas S. Abidin and Henry A. Wise Wood.

Three Hour Times.

About 3:30 p. m. he blew in on a north wind having circled around from his hangar at the navy yard. Four times he tried for the figure eight and each time the wind drifted him off the course. He did not dare to come low enough on account of the gusts to get a good view of the pylons, and after the fourth attempt he gave it up.

Every one thought he would fly back to the navy yard. His machine rocked and died—it was plain that the automatic stabilizer was not in use—and the young aviator was using all the strength of his body at the shoulder controls. But he began to climb and to circle around the settling sun. He went up 2,000 feet, his balograph showed, then suddenly the hum of the propeller ceased. He cut off his motor and began the long voyage.

## ELLIOTT WITH THE AMERICAN

Express Company as Vice President in Charge of Traffic of the Concern.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—It is officially announced by the American Express Company that D. S. Elliott, president of the Great Northern Express Company, has accepted the appointment as vice president in charge of traffic of the American Express Company, effective March 1. E. E. Bush, formerly assistant traffic manager, has been made traffic manager.

Mr. Elliott's appointment is one of the most important changes made in the management of the American Express Company since George C. Taylor was elected president in June of last year.

Mr. Elliott has had an active and varied experience in the express business which splendidly equips him for his new duties. He entered the service in 1879 as clerk for the American Express Company at Kewanee, Ill. Subsequently he served in the same capacity at Streator, Gaiesburg, Danport and Peoria. He was next appointed to the agency at Pacific Junction, Ia., and in 1885 became chief clerk to the superintendent at St. Joseph, Mo. In 1887 he was promoted to route agent in charge of Iowa lines and next went to Chicago as chief clerk to the general superintendent. In 1892 he was in charge of the American Express Company's world fair business as chief clerk. The same year he entered the employ of the Great Northern Express Company as superintendent, filling that position until August 1, 1896, when he was appointed auditor. He was acting in the latter capacity when upon the death of Vice President and General Manager Footner in 1901 he was placed in charge of the company's business as general manager from which office he was elected to the presidency.

## JANUARY COAL

And Coke Shipments over the Norfolk and Western Railroad Show Success.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 20.—The statement of the shipments of coal and coke over the lines of the Norfolk and Western railroad for the month of January has just been issued by T. D. Hobart, general coal freight agent of Norfolk and Western. The month's shipments amounted to 1,357,135 tons, showing a decrease of 127,406 tons from the amount shipped in January, 1914, when 2,484,541 tons were shipped over the line, but an increase of 243,215 tons over the preceding month of December, when 1,114,220 tons were shipped.

## CHILTON STARS IN A CONTEST OF FIDDLERS

"Packed Convention" Robs West Virginia Senator of a Sack of Flour.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—If there was any justice left in this country Senator William C. Chilton would be one sack of flour to the good. But the fact is, that the convention was pretty well packed on him and the best that he could get out of it was a draw, which is preliminary to say that Senator Chilton appeared before an audience of about three hundred scribes at the National Press club the other night as a contestant in a fiddler's contest.

The senator brought with him the Stradivarius that was given him by Senator John E. Kenney, had rosin on the gut and the bow, and was ready to get that sack of dough for "old dad" could secure it. There was just one man who had the nerve to challenge Senator Chilton for the honor, and he was Byron E. Newton, assistant secretary of the treasury. Senator Chilton led off with "Seven Miles Up Kanawha" and he looked pretty much as if he would be a winner right there, until Mr. Newton bowed off a very fine rendition of "Pop Goes the Weasel" with an artistic "pop" with the forefinger, that seemed to make such a hit with the audience that it began to look as though Senator Chilton's chances for winning the sack of flour were very dim. Chilton's friends were plainly discouraged. But the senator pulled himself together and rallied magnificently, with a marvelous rendition of "Sour Wood Mountain." He explained that this tune had never before been within one hundred miles of a railroad, that it had been created in West Virginia, and this was its first time across the border. "Sour Wood Mountain," as fiddle tunes go, was certainly a "hum-dinger." Not only that, but it was "kitush." The audience just stood up and danced, when the senator bowed off that classic. It was plainly to be seen after this that Mr. Newton's rosin was depressed and bowed down. It was left to the audience to decide which had won.

It was left to the two contestants to make the closing arguments in their own behalf. Senator Chilton said that his opponent was not an amateur fiddler, but had gotten into the contest through misrepresentation. He charged that Mr. Newton was a near violinist; that he had distinctly heard him ask the accompanist to play in three sharps. He said that that proved that Newton was not a fiddler because there wasn't a fiddler living that knew anything about flats or sharps. By this time the argument got down in the audience and became so heated, that it looked as though the police reserves would have to be called out to control the situation.

At this juncture President Theodore Tiller jumped into the breach and announced that the contest was a draw, and to end all the rumpus that the club would keep the sack of flour for its own use. There were a number of other fine numbers on the program, but none or all of them caused the merriment that the fiddler's contest did.

## ALL RECORD

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The sidewalks into the avenues from the hills to the bay as far as the eye could reach.

The president's envoy, Secretary Lane, was heard with the closest attention. In his more solemn passages of his oration the vibration of his voice stirred audience with sympathy and there were tears in many eyes as he pointed to "the slender, dauntless, plodding figure standing beside two oxen, which looked down upon the court of the nation, where east and west come face to face."

That figure was the American pioneer. His suffering and triumphs were the orator's theme.

The day broke threatening and rainy but by sunset there was scarcely a cloud in the sky. One shower fell during the dedicatory exercises. As President Wilson opened the exposition with the touch of a button in the White House, the sun's long slanting rays glinted in a miniature rainbow through the spouting stream of the fountain of energy that was at that moment unleashed.

The dedicatory ceremonies were made as simple and short as possible. The children headed by Governor Hiram W. Johnson and Mayor Tolp representing the state and the city were welcomed to the grounds by the officers and directors of the exposition and officers of the federal government. Addresses were delivered by President C. C. Moore, of the exposition; Dr. Frederick J. V. Skiff, director in chief; Governor Johnson, Secretary Lane and a few others.

Is too far away. Perhaps it will be at the Bijou or the Orpheum."

Shortly after the newspaper man, Miss Leeds's room, the hotel management telephoned to the count and asked him to vacate her room as it was against the rules of the establishment for him to be there. The count replied that he would leave as he had finished his business.

But neither that nor the unpaid hotel bill satisfied the management and a peremptory order was given the count to vacate the hotel at once.

Shortly afterward, the enraged count, carrying a hatbox and a small satchel, stamped through the lobby to the clerk's desk, asked that the remaining several pieces of baggage be held as security for his sum yet due the hotel and departed, asking with him his young woman secretary, who awaited at the ladies' entrance.

His stormy looks indicated that he was pretty much peeved over the evening's proceedings.

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## MONEY BILLS ARE ACTED ON BY CONGRESS

As Fast as the Mills Will Grind Preparatory to Final Adjournment March 4.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.—The mills of both houses of Congress ground fast and long today on the grist of appropriation bills which must become law before March 4.

The Senate after adding a million dollars to the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill as it left the House passed that measure; also the \$126,000,000 sundry civil bill, with minor amendments and took up the army appropriation bill. Fourteen others of the big supply bills are yet to be acted upon.

In the House the diplomatic appropriation bill was passed after it had been cut half a million dollars. Appropriations of \$300,000 for a consulate building at Shanghai and \$50,000 for entertainment of Central and South American financiers at a Pan-American financial conference at San Francisco to be called by the president were cut out despite the state department's endorsement.

Proposal to have the president take steps to recover from Cuba more than \$5,000,000 spent in the pacification was also eliminated.

The appropriation for participation in an exposition at Panama was cut from \$100,000 to \$25,000.

## ORATORY

Runs High at a Banquet Given by Local Council of Commercial Travelers.

Following the initiation of eighteen candidates for membership at a meeting which began at 8 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the Pythian hall on South Third street, Clarksville Council, No. 28, United Commercial Travelers, held an elaborate banquet beginning at 8:30 o'clock Saturday night in the same hall in honor of the new members. There was a gratifying attendance as more than sixty-five members were present.

Edgar F. Hood proved himself an ideal toastmaster, presiding over the ceremonies with admirable ease and never ability.

There was a constant flow of oratory after the epicurean menu had been assiduously relished, and many a local Chauncy Depew seemed apparent. Morgan E. Parsons took first place easily as he was the only charter member of the council present. He related some stirring incidents in the history of the council. Speeches, however, were not the only features as W. Ray Ross, the council's tenor soloist, did himself proud and A. E. Hall of the Cadenza orchestra soared in fame as a saxophone soloist.

Others who contributed to the intellectual part of the feast were Ralph E. Thorne, an orator of no mean ability; Virgil S. Swearingen, N. S. Longbaugh, the Rev. Mr. Monaghan, Thomas E. Lee and Mr. Mason, humorist.

The Cadenza orchestra was at its best.

## SUBMARINES BEING BUILT

In This Country for England and Are Shipped in Sections to Canada.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Renewed complaints were made today to the state department in behalf of the Germans and the Austro-Hungarian empires that submarines were being built in the United States and shipped in sections to Canada for shipment to England. Secretary Bryan promised an official investigation.

Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel Company and owner of the Union Iron Works, is said to have cancelled similar contracts with the British government several months ago after a conference with Secretary Bryan on the theory that they constituted a violation of the neutrality laws.

Naval officers detailed at various private yards where contracts for the United States government are being executed, recently reported to Secretary Daniels that the Union Iron Works of San Francisco and the Fore River Shipbuilding Company, of Quincy, Mass., were building ten submarines each in addition to those they have under construction for the United States.

It was said these had been contracted for by Great Britain before the outbreak of hostilities and could not be delivered until the war was over.

The inspectors reported that none of these boats could be completed for several months and that one of their component parts have been shipped by the builders.

## ADDRESSES

Are to Be Delivered by Two Clarksburgers at Annual Convention.

PARKERSBURG, Feb. 20.—The Society of the Sons of the Revolution of West Virginia will hold its yearly meeting at the Chancellor hotel here Monday. About fifty are expected to be in attendance from different parts of the state, including several prominent men. A business session will be held in the afternoon at 2 o'clock, and in the evening at 8 o'clock a banquet will be served. At this affair the sons will have their wives as their guests. A program has been arranged which will insure a pleasant time. Several prominent speakers will make addresses. Ex-Governor Albert B. White will be the toastmaster.

At the business session reports of officers will be submitted and new officers chosen for the year. Arrangements have been made for the meeting by a local committee.

The full program for the banquet has not yet been announced but those who will speak are as follows: Austin Beach, of Pittsburgh, city editor of the Gazette-Times; "Character of Washington," Col. Henry Raymond, of Clarksville; "Indian Wars of the Virginia Frontier," W. G. Peterkin, of Parkersburg; "The American Flag," Dr. J. G. White, of Morgantown; Hon. O. S. McKinney, of Fairmont; Hon. Robert L. Bland, of Weston; Prof. F. L. Burdette, of Clarksville; and Hon. Boyd West, of Elkins. The subjects have not yet been announced for the latter speakers.

## BUYS HIS LIBERTY

Mount Clare Man Puts Up the Money and Gets Out of Jail.

Andrew Kovack, a Mount Clare coal miner, obtained his release from the county jail Saturday evening after being a boarder there during the last six months. He paid a fine of \$50 and costs, which was imposed upon him when he got the jail sentence half a year ago for violating the anti-weapon law by carrying a pistol. Had the fine not been paid, Kovack would have had to remain in the jail and at work on the county roads until it was worked out at the rate of \$1 a day. He decided that he could make more money working for somebody else and raised the money required for his discharge.

Kirt Thomas was also discharged from the jail Saturday evening, having completed a sentence of ten days imposed for unlawfully riding a train in the local railroad yards.

F. W. Nay, of Fairmont, is here on a brief visit.

## WOMEN DEPORTED

Five Alleged Undesirable Characters Sent Out of City by Chief Brooks.

City police working under orders issued by Chief of Police Harry L. Brooks Saturday night conducted a roundup of women, alleged to be of undesirable character. Five were caught in the police dragnet and brought before Chief Brooks, who ordered them to either leave the city or go behind the bars to await trial on charges of vagrancy.

The women arrested gave their names as Beulah Edger, Grace Dowdy, Ada Van Allen, Marjorie Conyers and Lucy Tillery. All said they came from Parkersburg, and admitted that they had been run out of that city by the authorities.

An officer accompanied them to the passenger station and saw that they boarded an eastbound train. All five said they were going to Cumberland, Md.

Kirk King, of Elkins, is a city visitor.

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